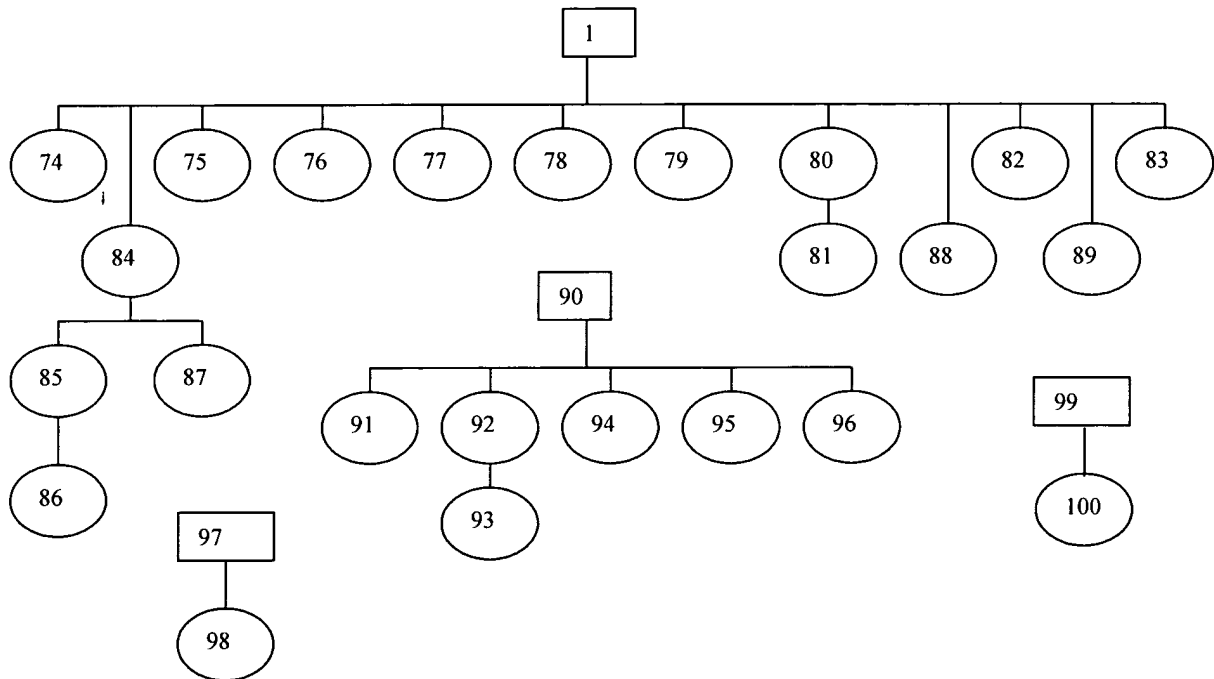


REMARKS

Claim 1 has been previously indicated as being patentable over the art of record. In this preliminary amendment, claim 1 has been amended to move the recitation of a “spark generating device” from the body of the claim to the preamble. Original claims 2-73 have been previously canceled. New claims 74 through 100 are added in this preliminary amendment, including independent claims 90, 97 and 99.

A diagram illustrating the relationship among the claims is set out below.

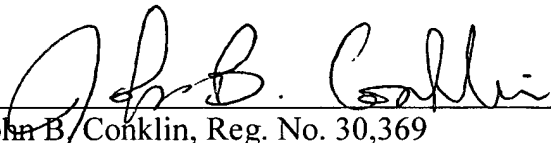


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CONCLUSION

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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